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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2251)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 1, 2016)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to exemptions from registration of
2 postsecondary schools by the college student aid commission.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261B.11, subsection 1, Code 2016, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. o. A school of religious study located
4 in Iowa that was established in Spain in 1982, is affiliated
5 with the department of global missions of open bible churches,
6 grants bachelor's degrees, and is accredited by a nationally
7 recognized accrediting agency as determined by the United
8 States department of education.

9 Sec. 2. Section 261B.11, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2016, are
10 amended to read as follows:

11 2. A school that claims an exemption from registration
12 under subsection 1, paragraph ~~"h", "i", "k", "l", or "m"~~, must,
13 at the commission's request and in the manner prescribed by
14 rule of the commission, apply for approval of the exemption
15 and demonstrate to the commission or its designee that it
16 qualifies for the exemption. The school must apply for
17 approval of its exemption claim on an application supplied by
18 the commission. The commission or its designee may approve the
19 school's exemption claim for a period not to exceed two years,
20 or may deny it the exemption claim. A school whose exemption
21 claim is approved must reapply to renew its an exemption no
22 less frequently than every two years approved pursuant to this
23 section.

24 a. A school ~~that is granted~~ approved for an exemption under
25 this section must file evidence of financial responsibility
26 under section 714.18 or demonstrate to the commission ~~or its~~
27 ~~designee~~ that the school qualifies for an exemption under
28 section 714.18 or 714.19.

29 b. A for-profit school with at least one program of
30 more than four months in length that leads to a recognized
31 educational credential, such as an academic or professional
32 degree, diploma, or license, must submit to the commission ~~or~~
33 ~~its designee~~ a tuition refund policy that meets the conditions
34 of section 714.23.

35 3. A school that is denied an exemption claim by the

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1 commission ~~or its designee~~, or that no longer qualifies for
2 a claimed exemption, shall apply for registration or cease
3 operating in Iowa.